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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 23rd/June, through Sunday, 30th/June there were 207 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TU, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9X, VP2E, VP2M, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XZ, YA, YB, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZL7, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

13 COLONIES (Special Event). Once again the annual (the 11th) "13 Colonies Special Event" will take place between 1300z, July 1st and 0400z July 8th. The certificate is printed on heavy card stock. Stations working one state or, as many as all 16, will be eligible for the certificate. A "Clean Sweep" indicator will be affixed for those lucky enough to "Q" all 16. A special endorsement will be attached for stations contacting their sister operation, WM3PEN, in Philadelphia, PA, where independence was declared. New since 2015, the 13 Colonies have added a second sister event station. GB13COL will operate from Durham, England. The 13 Colonies certificate will have a Liberty Bell added for a contact with WM3PEN. For 2019, K2Z will be operating as a "Event Managers" bonus station for the 13 Colonies Special Event in July! They will also offer a special QSL card printed just for this event. There should be at least two stations from each on the 13 colonies on the air, as well as Super contest stations, multi-operator Club stations and OM and XYL teams. The U.S. original 13 colonies are CT-DE-GA-MA-MD-NC-NH-NJ-NY-PA-RI-SC-VA. The special events stations mentioned are: K2A (NY), K2B (VA), K2C (RI), K2D (CT), K2E (DE), K2F (MD), K2G (GA), K2H (MA), K2I (NJ), K2J (NC), K2K (NH), K2L (SC), and K2M (PA). All HF bands will be in play, including the WARC bands, with the exception of 60 meters. 2 meters and 6 meter simplex are encouraged. All modes of

operation should be represented - SSB, CW, RTTY, Digital, and the Satellites. The mode of operation is up to the individual colony state station. For more details on the stations, suggested frequencies, QSL info and how to obtain the special certificate, see: http://www.13colonies.net All Short Wave Listeners (SWL), you can also qualify for the certificate.

5TH ANNUAL RST SPECIAL EVENT. Members of the North Country DX Association (NCDXA club K7ICE) will be on HF celebrating their 5th Annual "Worked All RST" special event starting Jan. 1, 2020, running through February 28th. Phone, CW and all the Digital modes will be covered from northern North America promoting Amateur Radio! Full color QSLs and free certificates are available. QSL manager is K7ICE (please see QSL instructions for K7ICE at QRZ.com). Alaska KL7RST operators are: Donn/KL7DG (Kotlik school), Corliss/AL1G (Anchorage), Ron/KL7YK (Anchorage), Tim/NL8F (Dutch Harbor) and Bill/KL7IDA (Tok). Canadian operators: VY1RST - Bob/VY1MB (Whitehorse); VE8RST - Garth/VE8NSD (Hay River); VY0RST - Pierre/VE3KTB/VY0 and Alex/VE1RUS/VY0 (Eureka), Mike/VY0CF (Rankin Inlet); "wildcard" operator Chris/VE3CBK as N1RAC/VE3 and OX7RST by Bo/OZ1DJJ. Of special interest, the students from Kotlik school (KL7RST) will be gaining air time while obtaining their Amateur Radio permits. Operators Pierre and Alex coming on from 80N, Eureka on Ellesmere Island (VY0RST), and Tim (KL7RST) operating from the 2nd rock out on the end of Alaska's Aleutian Chain. For more details and a free RST certificate, see: https://www.qrz.com/lookup/K7ICE The NCDXA "RST" stations are on Facebook at:
https://www.facebook.com/North-Country-DX-Assoc-K7ICE-1717462798496577

9J2, ZAMBIA (Update). Members of the Z2LA and 7P8LB team are planning a trip to Zambia between March 5-15th (2020). A preliminary departure date is 4th of March 2020. The license application form has been received and will shortly be forwarded with requests for the 9J2LA callsign. The Web page is now available at: https://9j2la.com
Facebook will be used for "Breaking News" the weeks before departure and during the Expedition. Updated list of operators are Rune/LA7THA (team leader), Harald/LB2HG, Svein/LA3BO, Morten/LA3MHA, Piotr/LA7RRA, Arne/LA7WCA, Svein/LA9KKA, Thor/LA9VPA, Morten/LB8DC, Christian/OE5CWO and Philipp/OE7PGI. The team will be focused on CW and FT8 for the low bands, and CW, SSB and FT8 for the higher bands. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1826.5*, 3524, 7024, 10124, 14024, 18074, 21024, 24894 and 28024
SSB - 7082, 14185, 18140, 21295, 24955 and 28495
FT8 - 1844/1908**, 3590, 7060, 10140, 14086, 18104, 21095, 24918 and 28095
6m - 50104/CW and 50313/FT8
(*) 160m: 1826.5 kHz lsn dwn for JA, up for EU, NA and other continents.
(**) 160m: FT8, QSX 1908 for JA

9J2LA TEAM plans to use FT8 as the primary data mode. They will use FT8 DXpedition mode, operating as the Fox. If you hear them on the normal FT8 frequencies, they will not be using DXpedition mode and only work one station at the time. If the number of callers is high, they will announce a QSY to their DXpedition frequencies.

QSOs will be uploaded to ClubLog if internet access is available. QSL via M0OXO QSL service.

AFRICAN TOUR (Press Release #2) [edited]. Pista, HA5AO, reports that he will arrive in Kingdom of eSwatini (Swaziland) on September 15th, and plans to stay until October 1st. His license for the 3DA0AO callsign was issued last year. The flight and room at Mountain Inn Resort at Mbabane is booked. His plan to start to set up antenna and station on the 16th and can be expected on the air by the evening. The station set up contains the Elecraft K3S with a KPA500 and fed into a vertical antenna. Pista will operate on the 80-10m bands using mainly CW and FT8 on the higher bands. Pista plans to be active on September 21 and 22nd in the All Africa DX Contest as a Single-Op/Single-Transmitter/CW-Mode/All-Band/High-Power entry.

After the eSwatini operation Pista, HA5AO, will arrive in Lesotho on the 1st of October and plans to stay until October 19th. He will use again the 7P8AO callsign. Flight and room at Molengoane Lodge is also booked. Due to other commitments the operation from Lesotho will take place during his free time mainly on CW and FT8 on the higher bands.

QSL policy, Logsearch and OQRS is available at: https://www.ha5ao.com

AO50, SPAIN (Special Event). Members of the Asociacion de Radioaficionados

de Padron (ASORAPA) will be active as AO50MOON to celebrate the 50th anniversary of APOLLO XI moon landing during the month of July. QSL via EA1RCI, direct or by the Bureau.

CB1/CB2, CHILE (Special Event). Members of the Chilean YL Radioamateur Group will be active with the following special callsigns during the week of July 1-7th, due to the Solar Eclipse in the northern zone of Chile around July 2nd. Activity will be on all HF bands. QSL via CA2MEM. The special callsigns, locations and operators are as follows:

CB1SOL -- QTH Iquique; operators Maritza/CE1RFI, Delcy/CE1RFN, Pink/CE1WZM and Standard/CA1NCQ

CB2SOL -- QTH Coquimbo; operators Emelina/CE2PJH, Marcia/CA2BRJ, Glory/CA2GIV and Elizabeth/CA2MEM

DXCC'S MOST WANTED (ClubLog). The "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list has been updated on ClubLog as of June 29th. The list contains 340 entities. The following are the top 10 entities:

1.	P5	DPRK (North Korea)	6. BV9P	Pratas Island
2.	3Y/B	Bouvet Island	7. KH7K	Kure Island
3.	FT5/W	Crozet Island	8. KH3	Johnston Island
4.	BS7H	Scarborough Reef	9. FT5/X	Kerguelen Island
5.	CE0X	San Felix Islands	10. 3Y/P	Peter 1 Island

No changes this month. The complete "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list is available at: https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php

E4, PALESTINE (Reminder). Janusz, SP9FIH, will once again (for the 4th time) be active as E44WE from Bethlehem (KM71OQ) between July 6th and August 6th. Activity this time will be on 80/30/20/6 meters using SSB, some RTTY and possibly FT8 (F/H). QSL via his home callsign or ClubLog's OQRS. For more details and updates, see: http://www.e4.dxpeditions.org

EP, IRAN. Ali, EP3CQ/6O1OO, informs OPDX of the following: The Communications Regulatory Authority and Parsian Amateur Radio Club are opening DXpedition opportunities in historical sites on Iran. The first location that is being announced and available now is Shapour Citadel in Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari Province. They are looking for a good start and then spread the same to other very famous sites in the country i.e. Persepolis of Shiraz, Yazd, etc. I suppose this is a very rare and great opportunity to have a DXpedition in Iran. Weather condition is very good now, visa upon arrival for three month and super cheap in terms of expenses i.e. flights around 20-50$ etc. indeed it is a unique experience and opportunity. All interested DXpedition teams can send their request(s) for 3 to 30Mhz (standard HF bands). No limitation on mode of operation. Requests should be submitted 3-4 month to (ep3ag@yahoo.com) prior to the actual operation, for coordination and obtaining the relevant license(s).

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA. Rick, AI5P, will be active as FO/AI5P from French Polynesia between July 22-29th. Activity will be on 40-17 meters using CW and FT8. QSL via AI5P, direct or by the Bureau. No LoTW, eQSL or ClubLog.

H4, SOLOMON ISLANDS. Operators Michael/DL2GMI and Bernard/DL2GAC will be active from Malaita Island (OC-047, WW Loc. RI01), but at different times. Michael, DL2GMI, will be active between August 23rd and September 2nd. His callsign is pending. Bernard, DL2GAC, will be active again as H44MS between July 7th and September 20th, possibly longer. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10/6 meters using SSB, FT8 and possibly some RTTY. Once Michael receives his callsign, QSL via DL2GMI, by the DARC Bureau, direct, LoTW or eQSL. QSL H44MS via DL2GAC, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog and eventually on LoTW.

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-206. (NEW IOTA) Shigeru, JI3CEY, will be active as JI3CEY/0 from Sado Island between July 20-22nd. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

EU-068. Operators Bastien/F4EYQ and Fabien/F4GYM, members of the F6KOP Radio Club de Provins, will be active as F4EYQ/P and F4GYM/P

from Sein Island between July 26-29th. They plan to participate in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 27-28th) with the callsign TM5S. This callsign was used 20 years ago by the F6KOP club. QSL via F5MFV.

EU-091. Operators Michele/IK7FPX, Gilberto/IK7LMX, Gianni/I7PHH, Cesare/IK7XNF, Giancarlo/IK7QMJ, Ivo/9A3A and possibly others will be active as II7P from Pedagne Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 27-28th) as a Multi-Op/Mixed-Mode/Assisted/ 24-HRs/Low-Power entry. QSL via IK7LMX, by the Bureau or direct.

EU-119. (Update) Operators Oleg/UA1PBA, Yuri/UA1OC, Alex/UA1OJL and Alexei/RN1ON will be active as RI1OM from Morzhovets Island (RRA:RR-02-08, RLHA:RLE-031, ARLHS:ERU-051, WLOTA: L-1070, RDA:AR-21) between July 1-5th. On the way to/from Morzhovets Island, the team will be active as RK1O/mm. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via RN1ON, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS.

EU-120. Members of the Addiscombe Amateur Radio Club will once again be active as G4ALE/P from the Isle of Wight during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 27-28th) as a Multi-1/DXpedition/Low-Power entry. Operators mentioned are Quin/G3WRR, Mike/G3VYI, Steve/G4SDM, Iain/G4SGX, Alun/G4WGE and Dave/G7RAU. They will be using wire antennas. QSL via G3VYI.

NA-090. Members of the Radioaficionados Yucatecos will be active as XF3LL from the Celarain Lighthouse in Faro Celarain Punta Sunta, National Park Cozumel, on Cozumel Island (ILLW MX 0011, XEFF 0004), between August 17-18th, and during the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using SSB, the Digital modes and Satellites. QSL via XE3N.

NA-128. Operators Mike/VE2OV and Joe/VE2CY will be active as VE2OV/P and VE2CY/P, respectively, from "Isle-aux-Coudres" (Hazelnut Island) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 27-28th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via their home callsigns.

OC-142. Operators Andrew/VK4NM and Peter/VK4PR will once again be active as VK4NM/p from Fraser Island (VKFF- 216) this time during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 27-28th) as a Multi-1/ Low Power (Solar Power) entry. Activity will be on 80-10 meters. QSL via M0OXO.

SA-100. (Update) The current list of operators of CA1DBD, CA1FCS, CE1DN, CE3WW, HA1AG, I2YDX, IT9YRE, K9AJ, XQ1CR and XQ1FM, will be active as 3G1DX from Pajaros Rocks for 3 days sometime around October 18-23rd (plan is October 18-20th). This will depend on the swells around the island. They plan to work hard during the day hours, but they are not sure during the evening hours due to the high tides. Activity will be mainly SSB and CW, using two stations. QSL via XQ4CW.

(Update) New IOTA Groups/Reference numbers announced during Ham Radio Friedrichshafen on June 22nd:

AS-206 -- JA0, 1, 2, 7, Honshu's Coastal Islands East, Japan
AS-207 -- R0K, Chukchi Sea Coast Centre group, Chukotskiy Avtonomnyy Okrug, Russia - Asia
OC-298 -- FO, Tatakoto Atoll, Tuamotu Islands, French Polynesia
OC-299 -- V6, Yap East group, State of Yap, FSM
OC-300 -- T31, McKean and Nikumaroro Atolls, Phoenix Islands, Central Kiribati, Kiribati
SA-101 -- CE0, Alejandro Selkirk Island, Juan Fernandez Archipelago, Chile For more information see:
Complete details/press release available from Islands On The Air (IOTA) at: https://www.iota-world.org/info/new_groups_2019.pdf

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new (www.iota-world.org) have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA

operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

J8, ST. VINCENT. Brian, GW4DVB, will once again be active as J88PI from Palm Island (aka Prune Island, WW Loc. FK92HO, IOTA NA-025), in the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Island group, between April 6-14th. Activity will be holiday style on 40/20/17/15/10/6 meters using CW, SSB, SSTV and FT8. He will use a Yaesu FT991A into a 10m vertical antenna, a M0CVO HW-40HP off center fed dipole and possibly new antennas. QSL via GW4DVB direct only (PayPal available) to: PO Box 20:20, Llanharan, Pontyclun, Wales - UK CF72 9ZA. For more details and updates, check:
http://www.g4dvb.co.uk
ADDED NOTE: Palm Island is an exclusive, private-island resort. This idyllic tropical hideaway is situated near the southern tip of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, an idyllic archipelago of 32 tropical islands and cays known for its stunning natural beauty, clear, warm waters and turtles.

KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS. Look for Tom, KH0/KC0W, to be active with the special callsign K0W from Saipan (OC-086) between July 5-14th. Read the reason why he using this special callsign at: https://www.qrz.com/db/k0w
QSL via direct to his home callsign. NO LoTW, NO BUREAU.

NORTHERN EUROPEAN RARE IOTA NUMBERS EU-126 AND EU-192 (Press Release, dated June 28th, edited) [July 24 thru July 29, 2019]. The Radio Arcala, OH8X group of Juha/OH8NC, Martti/OH2BH, Jaakko/OH1MA, Ville/OH2MM, Niko/OH2GEK, Arno/OH9RJ and Jouko/OH9VC will activate two of the rarest Northern European IOTA counters simultaneously on all HF-bands, including the IOTA contest in Multi-2 category on both locations as follows:
OJ9A -- Kataja/Inakari Island EU-192; QSL via OH2BH
OH9A -- Lappi Province Group EU-126; QSL via OH1NOA

OPDX MAILING LIST (Just A Reminder). The "new" OPDX Mailing List is back up and running! Details on how to subscribe/unsubscribe are at the bottom of this bulletin. PLEASE pass the word around.... Thanks and 73 de Tedd KB8NW

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (July 1-7th).....

Jul/01st AN	Jul/04th AN	Jul/06th AN
Jul/02nd AN	Jul/05th AN	Jul/07th HN
Jul/03rd HN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:
* VOACAP predication Web page at: http://www.voacap.com/hf
and http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
* DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: https://dx.qsl.net/propagation
* A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
* SolarHam Web page: http://www.solarham.net
* Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at:
http://sunspotwatch.com
* Monthly propagation charts between four USA regions and twelve overseas locations are at: http://arrl.org/propagation
* Information and tutorials on propagation are at: http://k9la.us
* Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation
* Point to point propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html
* Realtime propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk
* Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA. Renner, PY7RP, will be active as PY0F from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 27-28th)

as a Single-Op/Assisted/24-HRs entry. QSL via PY7RP direct or ClubLog's OQRS. All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW. For more details and updates, see: https://py0f.wordpress.com

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF (www.qslinfo.eu) (June 30th)

4O/US7IM via US7IM	EV19KAR via EW4W	OH0/EA5DCL via EA5DCL
5B/ZS1OIN via ZS1OIN (d)	GB19PAK via GB19PAK (L)	OZ/DL2RVL/P via DL2RVL
6Y3Y via JJ2RCJ (O/L)	GB75DDAY via G0TOC	OZ/SP1C/P via SP1C
AN50LGBT via EB3GCP	HB0/WB8BHN/P via WB8BHN &	(L) PQ8RS via PQ8RS (d)
DK0DFF via DL7AFS	HB0Y/DO3LZ via DO3LZ	SV8/IZ8IEV via IZ8IEV
DL300AH via DG2FEJ & (e)	HB9/IZ1DNQ via IZ1DNQ	TC16BURSA via YM3KM (d)
DM19BUGA via DG7SCB	HB90CSA via HB9CSA	TK/DL5CW via DL5CW
EV0MA via EV1R	II0GDF via 9A8AOT & (L)	TK/S53BB via S53BB & (L)
EV0SD via EV1R	LA/PA1SVM >>_no QSLS_	ZA/SQ3MIS/P via SQ3MIS
EV19BOX via EV1R	N2VV/VY2 via N2VV	

(e) eQSL only	(d) direct only	(B) Bureau only	(*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only	(C) ClubLog only	(L) LoTW only	(N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC	(P) PayPal	(NB) No Bureau	(d*) Address in Russia

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....
https://clublog.org/logsearch/6Y3Y
https://clublog.org/logsearch/9Y4/OK2ZI
https://clublog.org/logsearch/T30ET
https://clublog.org/logsearch/ZF2CJ

LOGS TO BE DISCARDED. Rick, AI5P, announced on his QRZ.com page, "Logs to be discarded July 1, 2019, -- Callsigns between 1993-2009: 3A/AI5P, 3D2PX, 5B4/AI5P, 5W0HR, A35PX, AI5P/6Y5, AI5P/CY9, AI5P/KH0, AI5P/KH2, AI5P/VK9N, E51APX, FG/AI5P, FK/AI5P, FP/AI5P, FS/AI5P, GD/AI5P, GJ/AI5P, GU/AI5P, M/AI5P, PJ7/AI5P, TI5/AI5P, V2/AI5P, V31PH, V47/AI5P, V73PX, VP2E/AI5P, VP5/AI5P, VP9/AI5P, XE2/AI5P, YJ0PX, ZF2XP, ZK1APX, ZK2PX, ZL/AI5P and ZL7/AI5P.

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3D2CR, 4U1A, 5B4AMM, 5T5PA, A41ZZ, HB0/DH3RD, HC8GET, J68HZ, KM4SII, OD5YA, TF2MSN, UN8GEQ, VK2MIX, ZF2CJ and ZF2LC

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!!

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE IARU BUREAU: 3C0W, 3C3W, 9U4M, OJ0C and TY7C
--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) to send in their info....

SV/A, MOUNT ATHOS (Update to OPDX.1420). Last week OPDX was contacted by Kostas Stamatis, SV1DPI, and he updated/corrected details about Monk Iakovos, SV2RSG. According to Kostas, Monk Iakovos does not have a license from the Holy Council to operate, so his QSOs are "NOT" good for DXCC. He states [edited], "Of course he can apply and get a license, as the Holy Council used to give a license to monks. The bigger problem seems to be that the last years (Monk Iakovos) lived in a monastery outside Mount Athos, near Serres in North Greece..... What Monk Apollo used to say to me is that Mount Athos wants to be on the air, so if there is not a new operator soon, there is more hope for a DXpedition."

T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI. Alex, 5B4ALX, will be active as T30ET from Tarawa Atoll (OC-017) between March 18th and April 2nd (2020). Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY. QSL via ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. For more details and updates, see:
http://www.5b4alx.cloud/t30et-tarawa-atoll-2020

T33, BANABA ISLAND. The following was posted on QRZ.com [edited]: "The Rebel DX Group is a 'DX light' Band of Brothers with no foundation or large club support. We rely on our personal funds, Rebel Members, and your potential donations. Any donations received from ClubLog's OQRS system will be used to purchase fuel for our 2nd attempt at Bouvet 3Y0I this November, 2019. Expected fuel costs will be over $100,000.00 USDs, again."

The suggested band plan for the T33T Banaba Island DXpedition is as

follows:
  CW - 1822, 3502, 7002, 10106, 14002, 18072, 21002, 24892 and 28002 kHz
  SSB - 3785, 7090, 14190, 18140, 21200, 24940 and 28440 kHz
  FT8 - 1840, 3567, 7056, 10131, 14090, 18095, 21091, 24911 and 28091 kHz
  6m - 50105/CW and 50140/SSB
      We will use F/H mode for all bands on FT8 except 160m!
      All QSOs will be confirmed by a 4 page QSL card and LoTW.

  ADDED NOTES. NO specific dates announced yet. It is recommended to watch the T33T (Banaba Island) on the QRZ.com Web pages, the Rebel DX Groups Web and FaceBook pages for updates:
https://www.rebeldxgroup.com
https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup
Also, keep an eye on 3Z9DX tracker at:
https://share.findmespot.com/shared/faces/viewspots.jsp?glId=0tARRAqk3ftzEN8piDb2UOWqGrnOX349o

TO5, ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON. Operators Alex/DD5ZZ, Georg/DJ6GI, Martin/DM4IM and Chris/VO1IDX will be active as TO5M from Ile aux Marins (NA-032) between August 10-18th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8 and possibly RTTY and Satellites. The team will use mostly vertical antennas, a Hexbeam for the highbands and beverage receiving antennas for the lowbands. QSL via LoTW and ClubLog. Their Web site is currently under construction at: http://FP2019.net
PLEASE NOTE: The callsign TO5M has been used once before for a Reunion Island operation (QSL via F6CXJ).

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISLAND. FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA. Rick, AI5P, will be active as VK9APX from Lord Howe Island (OC-004) between August 1-10th. Activity will be on 40-17 meters using CW and FT8. QSL via AI5P, direct or by the Bureau. No LoTW, eQSL or ClubLog.

VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND. Janusz, SP9FIH, will be active as VK9NK from Norfolk Island (OC-005) between January 12th and April 12th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using SSB, RTTY and FT8. This operation is a tribute to Jim Smith, VK9NS. Equipment will be an IC-7200 and Expert 1.3K-FA into a Spiderbeam and verticals. QSL via SP9FIH or ClubLog's OQRS.

VP6D DUCIE ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS. The VP6D Ducie Island 2018 receives the German DX Foundation's award for: Best DXpedition 2018
The award was presented on Saturday, June 22nd, at Ham Radio, Friedrichshafen, during the DX Forum. The GDXF announcement is here:
https://gdxf.de/trophy/results.php?lang=en
Press Release and picture of the award are here:
https://www.vp6d.com/index.php/news

VP8/VP8DXU SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS [AN-008] DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release #4, date June 27th)[edited]. Project planning continues on schedule.

  Corporate Sponsors -- A key component of any serious DX-pedition is the equipment. Joining our corporate sponsor team are:
  WiMo -- We are pleased to announce that WiMo Antennen und Elektronik Gmb, Herxheim, Germany, will sponsor the HF Yagi antennas by providing a complement of antennas from their EAntenna product line.

  Spiderbeam -- Returning as a sponsor is Spiderbeam GmbH, Spremberg, Germany. As with our previous DX-pedition projects, Spiderbeam will provide their line of high-quality fiberglass and aluminum telescoping masts. We are happy to again welcome Spiderbeam to another PDXG project.

  Tent Weekend -- Scheduled for July 12–15th, 2019, in Placerville, California, is our tent assembly project. Over 2,300 pounds (1,050kg) of WeatherPort extreme weather tents and supporting equipment was shipped to California from Illinois and Georgia. We appreciate the assistance from: Don/N1DG, Craig/K9CT, Bob/K4UEE and Rick/N4HU in making these tents available to our project, and Mark, KJ6EUO, for his assistance in receiving and storing the shipment in California.

  We will unpack, inspect, make any necessary repairs and repack the tents. To minimize island setup time, we will construct and “kit” the tent bases/flooring in California.

Band / Mode Addition: We added 80m SSB to the operating plan.

Fundraising -- Our fundraising campaign continues. The next payment to Braveheart is due in July and our shipping budget of $25,000(USDs) is tracking close to plan. As of this writing, 30 clubs / Foundations and 236 individuals have shown their support to the project.

We have a long way to go in order to reach the goal of 50% team member funding of the estimated project cost of $325,000(USD). If you need South Orkney for an ATNO, or plan to work us, we would appreciate your help, expenses must be paid before we sail.

Many of the current individual donors have supported our previous DX-peditions whether they needed the entity or not. We appreciate the confidence they've shown in our team, and invite others to sign on.

Ham Radio Events: We enjoyed meeting many DXers at Ham Com Dallas, Friedrichshafen, Germany, and the Arizona ARRL State Convention, Prescott. Please look for us at the Pacific Northwest DX Convention, Everett, Washington, in August.

73, Team VP8/VP8DXU
Website: https://sorkney.com/
Please direct your questions to: info@sorkney.com

VP9, BERMUDA. Operators Steve/KU9C and Steve/KL7SB will be operating from the fantastic QTH of Ed, VP9GE, beginning Sunday, July 7th, through Monday, July 15th. Callsigns will be KU9C/VP9 (via KU9C), KL7SB/VP9 (via N4GNR) and VP9HQ (RSB Headquarters station) during the IARU HF Championship (QSLs via KU9C).

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